(e) what are the conditionalities for the supply of enriched uranium by China;

(d) whether Government have received low enriched uranium fuel from China; if so, the quantum thereof;

(e) whether Government have not developed technical know-how to produce the fuel within the country rather than to import the same from various countries; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) to (d) A commercial contract was concluded between the Department of Atomic Energy and China Nuclear Energy Industry Corporation for supply of Low Enriched Uranium (LEU) for the Tarapur Atomic Power Station (TAPS).

A consignment of LEU from China was received in the Nuclear Fuel Complex (NFC), Hyderabad on 5.1.1995, where the LEU will be converted to fuel assemblies for use in TAPS. It is not in the national interest to disclose the quantum of fuel received.

Both the countries have agreed that the nuclear material supplied by China and products and materials derived thereof will be used only for peaceful purposes and will be subject to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards.

(e) and (f) All our atomic power plants other than Tarapur Atomic Power Station (TAPS) use Natural Uranium as fuel which is produced indigenously in adequate quantities. We are importing Low Enriched Uranium (LEU) from China for operating only TAPS. This LEU is received in the form of Uranium Hexaffuoride gas and is converted to fuel assemblies for use in TAPS at Nuclear Fuel Complex (NFC), Hyderabad. The Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) has also developed indigenously the technical know-how to produce LEU within the country.

Closure of Nuclear reactors

592. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to close down certain nuclear reactors in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) in what manner closure of the plants is going to affect the nuclear programme in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b) There are ten nuclear power reactors in operation in India today. Of them, the Rajasthan Atomic Power Station Unit-1 is the first Pressurised Heavy Water Reactor (PHWR) unit built in India, collaboration with Canada. It has a present rated capacity of 100 MWe. The performance of this unit has been affected due to equipment related problems and the unit was shut down for extended periods during the past several years. A final decision, based on techno-economic considerations, on its continued operation is yet to be taken.

(c) Several improvement have been incorporated in the design of subsequent PHWR units and therefore the nuclear power programme will not be affected.

Sale of products of Aristocrat Luggage Company in CSD AI) Canteens

593. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Aristocrat Luggage Company has not been marketing all

those products which it is selling in the C.S.D. (I) Canteens;

(b) if so, the details of such models which are in sale in the C.S.D. (I) Canteens in Delhi but are not in sale in the open market in each of the last 12 months;

(c) the reasons for such models not being in sale in the open market;

(d) the steps taken to ensure that no product is sold in the C.S.D. (I) Canteens which is not in sale in the open market; and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether there is any proposal to stop the sale of all products of Aristofraft Luggage in the C.S.D. (I) canteens for the above stated lapses and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the number of complaints received about the defective locks in the Aristocraft suitcases and briefcases so far and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Army authorities have reported to Government that according to the periodical market surveys conducted by the Canteen Stores Department (CSD), all Aristocrat luggage items listed in CSD are selling in the civil market.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

(f) As per records maintained by CSD Head Office, Bombay no complaint of the defective locks in Aristocrat suitcases and briefcases has been received in the past two years.

Bombs spy case

594. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2585 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd December, 1994 and state:

(a) the details of the Samba spy case;

(b) whether it has been decided;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the action taken thereon by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The Samba spy case occurred during the year 1976-77 wherein a number of Army personnel were suspected to be involved. Investigations carried out subsequently established the involvement of a number of Officers, Junior Commissioned Officers and Other Ranks.

(b) to (d) Disciplinary/administrative actions under the Army Act and Rules were taken against the personnel involved. Services of 13 Officers, 3 JCOs and 9 ORs were terminated under the Army Act. 2 Officers and 6 ORs were also convicted by the GCM. Some of the Officers involved in the said case have approached Delhi High Court and final decision in their cases is still awaited.

Exclusion of the Delhi Tableau from the Republic Day Parade

595. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Delhi has lodged a protest with the Government of India for the exclusion of the Delhi Tableau from the Republic Day Parade; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon and the reasons for excluding the Delhi Tableau?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposals submitted by the Government of Delhi were examined in detail by an Expert Committee ap-